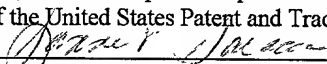


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

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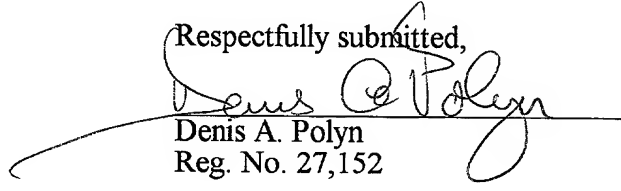
On page 1, after the heading "Field of the Invention", please insert the following language:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25 and 27-28.

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